

# Galena United Methodist Church November 14, 2021 10:30 am Compassion for the Poor

Liturgist: Maya Dickerson & Ruby Dickerson Greeters: Dickerson Family \*Please stand as possible, body &/or Spirit

# We Gather in the Spirit

We celebrate, singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things.

**Prelude** 

Cody Clayton, Pianist

For All the Saints Words: William H. How, 1864/Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906; Public Domain; Jesu, Jesu UMH #432 Words Tom Colvin /Music: Ghana folk song ©1969, 1989 Hope Publishing Co,

**Gathering Song** *Draw the Circle Wide* Worship & Song #3154 By Gordon Light Words © 1994 Common Cup; Music © 2008 Abingdon Press, admin. By the Copyright Company



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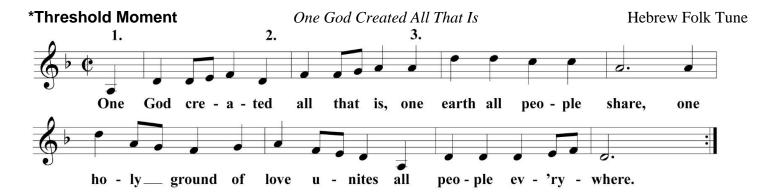
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song – no one stands alone.

Standing side by side; draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Welcome

Pastor Catiana



\*We can trust God. (inspired by James 2:1-17, Psalm 125, The Message)

God is like the mountain: rock solid.

God loves all the people:

the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

We can depend on God.

God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

Praise our Loving God.

#### Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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Let us pray: (Based on James 2:1-17)

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us all and calling us all your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in our broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book for Year B (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 160.

#### **Praising through Song**

\*Jesu, Jesu UMH #432 , Words Tom Colvin /Music: Ghana folk song ©1969, 1989 Hope Publishing Co, Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
   Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain
- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away.

  \*Refrain\*
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbors to us and you.

  \*Refrain\*
- 4. Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

## \*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Just God, you are even-handed in your justice. We confess that we are not so fair in our dealings. We are often unduly impressed by the powerful and the clever and excuse in them what we would condemn in the powerless and ignorant. Forgive superficiality and neglect of people needing advocacy and friendship, through the friend of sinners, Jesus Christ. Amen.

B. David Hostetter, Prayers for the Seasons of God's People: Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary Year B (Abingdon, 1999), 176.

God's word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace.

We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God
and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. **Amen.** 

# \*Passing the Peace of the Risen Christ

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you. All: And also with you

#### **Re-Gathering**

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord Worship & Song # 3008 Words/Music: Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, LordOpen the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You (repeat)

#### We Hear God's Word

We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourages us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.

## **Preparing to Listen**

Make Me a Servant FWS #2176

Words & Music: Kay Willard

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Make me a servant Humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayers of my heart always be

Make me a servant Make me a servant today

# **Bringing Words to Life**

# Hebrew Bible Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 16, 22-23 Common English Bible (CEB)

• 22 A good reputation is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold.

<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD made them both. <sup>8</sup> Those who sow injustice will harvest evil; the rod of their fury will come to an end.

<sup>9</sup> Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor.

<sup>16</sup> Oppressing the poor to get rich and giving to the wealthy lead only to poverty.

<sup>22</sup> Don't steal from the poor, because they are poor. Don't oppress the needy in the gate.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD will take up their case and press the life out of those who oppress them.

# **Epistle Reading** James 2:1-10, 14-17 CEB

2 My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. <sup>2</sup> Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. <sup>3</sup> Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." <sup>4</sup> Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

<sup>5</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you?

Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>

Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

<sup>8</sup> You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>9</sup> But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

<sup>14</sup>My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? <sup>15</sup> Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. <sup>16</sup> What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? <sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

May God empower the Word in our hearing

All: Thanks be to God

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Reflecting on God's Word

Compassion for the Poor

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RIP Medical Dept Program Fundraising Campaign

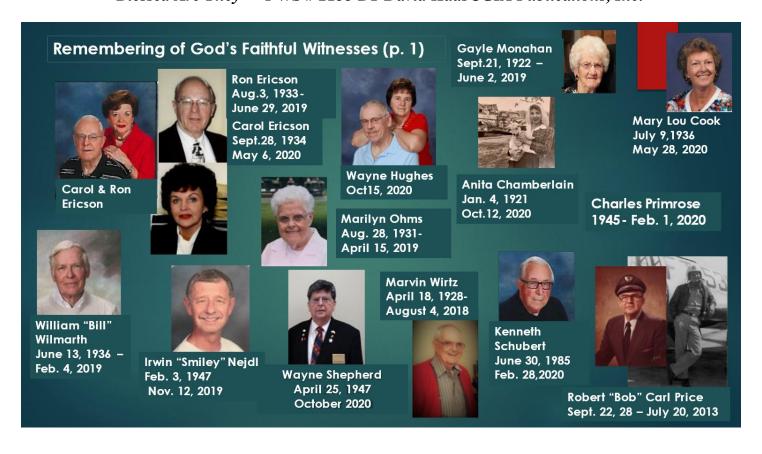
#### We Respond in Faith

Video: Worship Design Studio (with Permission) Turn Back

#### Remembering God's Faithful Witnesses

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of one or more of your saints.

\*Blessed Are They -- FWS # 2155 BY David Haas@GIA Publications, Inc.\*



Remembering Our Saints (page 2)



## **Invitation for Prayer**

We recognizes with open hearts the pain that coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve and to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, letting go of our fear that can make things worse at times.

As we prepare for lur prayers, breath out that which fills your heart, making room for God to hold all that you release.

As the music begins, you are invited to share your prayer request by leaving your prayer on the prayer card in your pew or through an email, call, or text to Pastor Catiana.

Prayers will be added to our prayer requests unless you indicate otherwise.

Let us begin our prayers through the unity of our voices in song.

**Prayer Song** Stepping In Words/Music by Christopher Grundy;

Piano Arr: Cathy Chamblee

Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin,

Around the world, it's always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.

We are praying with those in different places, different languages and faces, Every hour of the day.

We are praying with enemies and strangers in gratitude and danger, calling God ten thousand names!

Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin,

Around the world, it's always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.

#### **Prayers of the People**

Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we – his followers – may all be one. When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God's gift of unity.

Prayer sustains us on our way towards a unity that all can see, "so that the world may believe". (John 17:21) World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Oceania:

God of love, you created us in your image and have redeemed us in Christ. Empower us to love our neighbour and to welcome the stranger.

...God of healing grace, we lift to your care members of our communities.

For all the sick (especially those on our prayer lists in our congregations, and loud or in our hearts at this time). .....Here, other intercessions may be offered.

We join our hearts in prayer for the world, and for ourselves. AMEN

**Prayer of Jesus:** Our God has many names. You are invited to address God in your native language or in the form closest to your heart as we join in the prayer of Jesus:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Sung: Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin,

Around the world, it's always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.

We are praying with those who've gone before us, that great ancestral chorus we are joining as we sing. And we are praying with heroines and heroes, Moses, Romero, yes, and Martin Luther King!

Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin,

Around the world, it's always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in. We are stepping in.

#### Offering our Gifts

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above.

May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

"Change for the Better"UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE - Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed Compelled by Christ... As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved locally & globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

Galena UMC will be <u>accepting donations</u> for our UMCOR Emergency Bucket supplies through <u>November 19th</u>. Later in the month, we will deliver to a collection point within the Prairie North District where Midwest Mission Distribution Center is scheduled to pick up. Thank you to all who are helping support this mission project on UMCOR disaster relief.

(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

\*Singing our Thanksgiving Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94 Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978/Music: Geistlich Kirchengesangen, 1823;harm. By Vaughn Williams Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

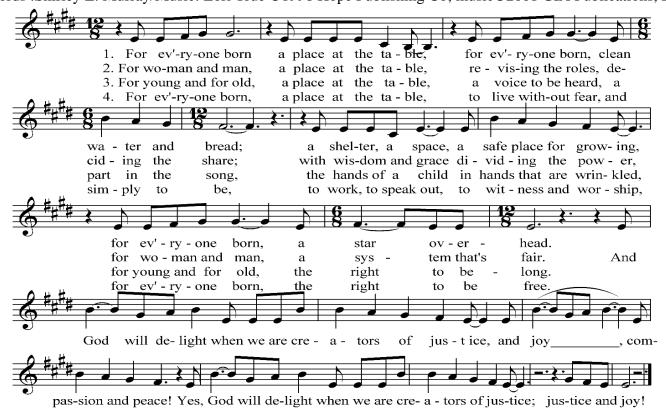
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

All: To a world full of pain and broken relationships, we offer these gifts and the openness of our hearts, to be a compassionate community for all. Amen.

# We Go Forth in God's Spirit

**Song** For Everyone Born Worship & Song #3149 Words: Shirley E. Murray/Music: Lori True ©1998 Hope Publishing Co; music©2001 GIA Publications, Inc.



# \*Blessing & Sending Forth

**Postlude** Cody Clayton, pianist

Jesu, Jesu UMH #432 Words Tom Colvin / Music: Ghana folk song ©1969, 1989 Hope Publishing Co,

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MANY THANKS to the Country Fair volunteers from our church! Your willingness to donate your time to earn funds for the church are much appreciated. Your time also assists many charities in the county. Our numbers were down this year so I challenge church members who weren't able to volunteer to look at your calendars for October 8 & 9, 2022! More volunteers would be wonderful! It's a great event!

Thanks again! Pat Willy, church volunteer coordinator for the Country Fair

**SUNSHINE BOX:** Items are replenished as needed by the youth and their families.

Here are some ideas you may collect for the Sunshine Box: mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, ziplock bags, glass cleaner.

NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>

RETURN REPORT from Jay Dickerson: Updates on COVID-19

4<sup>th</sup> Jo Daviess County is reporting 33 additional COVID-19 cases since the Monday, Nov. 1 report. (A jump in COVID-19 cases right after Halloween? Who knew?) According to the CDC Data as of Wednesday, Nov. 3, Jo Daviess County has a high level of community transmission. There are a total of 33 active cases currently in JDC. Please, please, please get a booster shot if you are able. The health dept. is reporting that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is approved for children aged 5 through 11. The health dept. is in the process of planning a vaccination clinic for 5-11 years old. When that date is set, I'll let everyone know.

5<sup>th</sup> Jo Daviess County Health Department will be having a booster clinic at Midwest Medical Center on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson will be available at this clinic.

If you received Pfizer or Moderna you are eligible for a booster if you are 65 years or older, age 18+ who lives in long term care, age 18+ with underlying medical conditions, or age 18+ who live or work in high-risk settings. If you fall in one of these and have received your second shot over 6 months ago you are eligible for the booster. Anyone 18 or older who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at least 2 months ago is eligible for the booster vaccine. Below is the link for registration. Please share. If anyone needs assistance in scheduling please call Jo Daviess County Health Department at 815-777-0263.

https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/c773a40b-d7a3-4c2e-a84e-4943a9011600/?require\_cookie=true

# **NOVEMBER**

- 15 Judy Henze
- 16 Ruby Dickerson
- 25 Carmen Holcomb

# **DECEMBER**

- 1 Annie Silaggi
- 13 Joy (Lieb) Whitt
- 13 Larry Cook
- 18 David Biegon

**PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns** 



Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for the people of Afghanistan; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Prayers for the end of the pandemic. May we realize that vaccinations are critical for the health and well being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others. Prayers of thanks for the vaccine and for those who continue to encourage others to be vaccinated.

**Karen Hughes' brother, Elmer John Phillips passed away on Saturday**. Services will be on Sunday at 4 pm at Furlongs with visitation 2-4;

Ben Allen-Stewart - Patricia greatly appreciates her church family for their concerns, prayers, and love surrounding Ben and herself. She now asks for prayers as Ben enters hospice care after a recurrence of the encephalitis he first experienced in 2016. Patricia and Ben are in Rockford near their son & daughter-in-law. Words of support may be sent to Patricia and Ben at: allnstwt@gmail.com

Janette Bader is now recovering at home. Janette's address is 6481 N. Bowden Dr., Scales Mound, IL 61075 Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. She has had an improvement in her cell numbers and continues her treatment in Madison. Cards- 1399 S. Irish Hollow Road, Galena. Please keep Ginny and her family in your prayers; Please keep Jo Lieb in your prayers-health- 2586 N. Windy Lane, Galena; Prayers for Julie Eggleston's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth; Hold Julie in prayer as she is recovering from Covid; Lonna's daughter-in-law, Cathy McDermott, is undergoing Chemo treatment. Hold her & the family in prayer; Ingrid's brother, John, died as a result if a car accident near St. Cloud. His wife, Cora is recovering. Prayers for the Muehleip family; Prayers for Ingrid's health concerns and for Darcy's friends, Atron Regan-prayers for remission and for Debbie Furlong's family. Debbie passed away recently.

Continue prayers for Mary Turner and the Turner family for the passing of Wayne, whose service was held Monday, Oct. 11. Online condolences may be left for the family at furlongfuneralchapel.com and address: 6032 N. Council Hill Rd., Galena.; Beverly DeBord's brother, Donald Renner, died the end of Sept.. Bev's address is 112 N. West St., Galena. Please remember the DeBord -Renner family at this time; Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs, passed away last month. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for Pam's sister, Melanie; Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. Prayers Appreciated.

Continue prayers for Carolyn and Tom Grey. Carolyn, who has been in rehab fell and broke her hip-Address: Carolyn Grey 130 W 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203; prayers for Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner; prayers for Judy Biegon's cousin's & families- Cousin's Karen and Mary both passed away recently. Judy's niece, Wendy in prayer for depression, Judy's cousin, Dean & Dave's sister, Judy Lopez, with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the Biegon's friend, Nancy H.

Hold **Charlene Price in prayer for healing** (compression-fracture) following a fall; prayers for **Elisa Skeeter**, **her family and neighbors; hold Lonna and her daughter**, **Joni** in prayer for health concerns; **Betty Kabara's** health; **Daniel Saben**, continued prayers; **Cheryl and Jim White**;

Please hold **Sarah and Carter** in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for **Sarah's brother**, **Bill**, who has cancer. Prayers for the **Brotheridge family** as Michelle has passed away; **Larry Cook and his family**; **Curtis Cook**, **Larry's grandson**; **Lisa and Terry Prindle**.

Continued prayers for all Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence; Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

DATE		LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
November 14		Maya & Ruby Dickerson	Dickerson Family	
November 21		Jay Dickerson	Suzanne Sproule	
November 28	1st Advent	Emma Blaum	The Blaum Family	
December 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	Dittmar Family	Dittmar Family	
December 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	Holcomb Family	<b>Holcomb FamilyDecember</b>	
December 19	4 <sup>th</sup> Advent			

# Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church OR livestream the service on our website

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.

#### Galena United Methodist Church

Core Values: Do no harm. Do Good. Love God.

Our Vision: With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we make disciples.

Our Mission: We will honor our long history by nurturing and expanding a community of disciples who love God and neighbor, fulfilling the gospel of peace, justice, mercy, and servant ministry.



#### Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

Pastor: Rev. Catiana McKay Ministers: The Congregation

Digital Ministry: Rodrigo Marin Piano/Organ: Cody Clayton Choir Director: Pam McKinsey Liturgist: Maya Dickerson & Ruby Dickerson Greeters: Dickerson Family Hand Bell Choir: Meg Gibbs

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